

8. Ho, MARUTS, leaders (of rites), be propitious to us, you who are infinitely opulent, immortal, shedders of rain, renowned for truth, wise, young, greatly glorified, and worshipped with copious oblations.¹

(LVIII.)

The deities and *Ri\$hi* as before ; the metre is *Triskubh*.

/I *I praise to-day that brilliant company of the Var^a **xxm** adorable MARUTS, lords of swift horses, who pass along in strength, who, sfefi'radiant, preside over the ambrosial rain.

2. Adore, priest, ttffe resplendent "and powerful company, whose arms (are decorated)' with bracelets, whose function is the agitatum (of the trees), who are wise, and by whom wealth is conferred* they .who are bestowers of felicity, whose greatness is unbounded: glorify the opulent leaders (of rites).

3. May the universal MARUTS, who urge on the rain, come to you to-day laden with water : MAUTS, who are wise and yoifng, be pleased by this fire which is kindled for you.

4. Adorable MARUTS, you cause (a son) to be born to the man (who worships you), a ruler, an over-comer of foes, and modelled by VIBHWAN :¹² from you, MARUTS, comes a valiant descendant, strong-fisted, mighty-armed : from you (he acquires) an excellent steed.

¹ *Brijiat uJtsftamdndk* may also mean sprinkling much water, *udakam sinckantah*.

² *Vibfiwatasktam: vibwan* is the second of the *JRibhus*, a skilful artist : fabricated by him, implies, according to the coin-
incut, very perfect or handsome, *tenet nirmittam atyartkarupa-vantam*.